

October 16, 1972

Dear Professor Keldysh:

You are, undoubtedly, aware of the strong pressures among scientists in this country and elsewhere against the recent stand taken by the USSR on exit visas for scientists. I had originally hoped to be able to present the enclosed statement, with its specific questions, to you following your address during the afternoon business meeting on Tuesday, October 17. It is still possible that some polite and low key interchange might take place between us although I realize, of course, that you have a complete right to decline to answer questions. At any rate, I wanted you to receive a copy of these remarks together with my own person appeal to you to do whatever you and your colleagues might be able to accomplish to correct the situation, ~~that I am sure all of you as human beings probably also find distasteful.~~

I had originally planned to ask Yuri Ovchinnikov, when he came to visit me on Monday, October 16, to give you a copy of these remarks, but our meeting was, unfortunately, rescheduled because of the changes in the plans for the joint meeting of the Soviet and United States Academies of Sciences Councils.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. Anfinsen